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"Give Light and the People Will Find Their Own Way."

Trade Worth Billions
While America looks for a way out of depression, and Secretary of State Stimson departs for the Geneva disarmament conference, one simple road to trade revival and peace remains neglected. More than any other single act, a restoration of friendly trade relations with Russia would improve business and quiet threats of world war.

It is doubtful if there is anything else the United States can do at the moment which materially will check the war forces in the far east or prevent the eventual spread of those forces to Europe. Unfriendly Russo-American relations are a virtual invitation to Japan to continue her aggression into Siberia.

The dollar and cents argument for better relations with Russia is unanswerable.

One reason for our depression is the loss of foreign trade. As President Hoover and others demonstrated, exports absorbed the 10 per cent of our production which was the margin between prosperity and depression, between profit and no profit. That surplus, no longer sold abroad, now smothers us. Since 1929 our foreign trade has been cut almost in half.

That diagnosis of part of our economic sickness is clearer and easier to find a remedy. Those who advise us to turn back and concentrate on the domestic market admit that this has not availed during the last two years.

They admit, further, that there is slight possibility of the domestic market in the near future requiring the full output of our factories and labor power.

And those who hope for a revival of general foreign trade admit that it is not in sight. As foreign nations raise higher tariffs and trade barriers in retaliation against the American tariff wall, and as our foreign debtors default upon their bonds, the prospects for a general increase in American export grows less favorable.

Russia is an exception—the only important exception.

Russia needs and wants the goods our closed factories and unemployed labor could produce.

Russia pays her bills. Russia is the only European nation in the post-war period with 100 per cent record of meeting her trade obligations. Russia, in ten years of dealing with hundreds of American corporations and buying hundreds of millions of dollars worth of American products, never has defaulted one.

Russia is the only important American market in which the trade balance is overwhelmingly in our favor—she has been spending five dollars in this country for every dollar we spend in Russia.

Russian trade is not only safe, sure and profitable, it also is almost completely noncompetitive with American products. Except for a small coal trade and other minor items, the things we buy from Russia in the favorable 5-to-1 exchange are materials not produced in America.

With that rich Russian market waiting for us, an intelligent America might be expected to take advantage of it—or at least a depression-ridden America might be expected to grasp those offered orders for business.

Instead, we are killing our Russian business. Two years ago Russia was our seventh best customer. During January and February, 1930, Russia placed \$24,000,000 worth of business here, compared with a little more than one million in the same period this year. That business has gone to Germany and England—while our factories are idle.

American business men who want orders and American workers who want jobs should ask their government to send a delegation to Russia to make a billion-dollar trade agreement.

Watch Your List

The unusually large list of candidates for nominations for public office this year places a heavy responsibility upon the voter who wishes to escape inefficiency, grafting, or special privilege.

Two lists are very important. One is that of delegates to the state conventions. They will nominate the candidates for senator, Governor and state officials. The other is the list of candidates for the legislature. They will make the laws of the state.

Every special interest has its hidden friends on the lists for the legislature. The loan sharks have been very busy. Those who would keep the burden of taxes on real estate have their friends. The utilities, as usual, have trotted out those upon whom they can rely.

But there are also those who are anxious to save the people from looting by all these interests. They are candidates on both sides of the political fence. The job is to get these men and women nominated on both tickets.

Some of the enemies of the people are easily distinguishable. They have made their records in public office. Some of them are seeking re-election on the basis of their servitude to the special interests.

The friends of the people who have been in office are also known. The people have such friends in both parties, men who in the legislature have taken bold stands against the plunder bunch. There are men who refused to sell themselves or be flattered into betrayal of the public interest.

The next legislature will be more important than any former body. It will have to deal with more desperate situations. It will need men of vision, integrity, purpose. It will either save or wreck.

Study the lists carefully. This is no year to give a vote to "good fellows" who have no other purpose than the perquisites, legitimate or illegitimate.

This is one year to vote for yourself.

The New Collegian

Apparently the comic magazine conception of the American college student as a crooning, petting, flask-totting, rooting, saxophone-tooting, jazz-mad sort of fellow is all wrong, or else something new is happening on the campuses of the land.

Last week eighty students from a half dozen colleges braved the mine-strike terror of Harlan and Bell counties, Kentucky, on a tour of investigation. Another group from Commonwealth college, Arkansas, has started to the scene of battle, selling copies of the Bill of Rights to pay expenses.

A band of Vassar, Wellesley and Smith girls have appealed to congress, after a visit to Scottsboro, Ala., where seven Negro boys face execution after an unfair trial. A national student league, composed of representative student organizations interested in social justice, just has met in New York to map a program. Student publications are militant.

"There is an awakening to the social injustices and conditions among working people on campuses of the

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

M. E. Tracy

Says:

Five Dollars Laid Away at Compound Interest for 500 Years Should Grow Into More Than Two Million. Who Supposes It Would?

NEW YORK, April 4.—J. D. Stotler and R. E. Collins of Baton Rouge, La., get into an argument as to whether the new state capital will last 500 years. Unable to agree, they lay a bet of two dollars and a half, Stotler taking the affirmative and Collins the negative end. Then they call in a lawyer to draw up a contract.

The contract sets forth that the five dollars shall be deposited in a local bank at compound interest for the next five centuries and that heirs of the winner shall receive the accumulated amount in 2,432.

Experts have figured that the accumulated amount should be two billion, eighty-four million, six hundred, ninety-five thousand dollars and twenty-two cents.

Menace in Security

THIS incident is worth more than a passing thought. It reveals the basic fallacy of our economic system. It is safe for capital to draw interest only as long as those possessing it spend the interest. Otherwise capital soon wrecks its own opportunity.

If you told the average man that \$5 could not be kept at compound interest for five centuries without becoming a menace, he would laugh in your face. He has been sold the idea that investments, especially small ones, can and should be made safe for ever. He thinks of depression, failure, and bankruptcy as avoidable evils, yet they alone have made it possible for us to live with the theory of unsound interest on unlimited wealth.

Get the Rabbit, This Time

Announcement by Public Service Commissioner Cuthbertson that he intends to arrange for a reduction of telephone rates "similar to those obtained from the water and electric companies" sends a shudder of fear down the spine of the telephone users. They know.

The only service rendered is the calling of attention to the fact that telephone rates should be lowered.

But reducing them in a manner "similar to reductions of water and electric rates" means a raise for many people.

Once a man went rabbit hunting. He came back with the stub tail of a bunny. He shouted in glee. Of course, his family had no food. But the hunter was happy.

That is the way Cuthbertson hunted for rate reductions.

When going gunning for telephone rate reductions, may it be suggested that this is the time to get the rabbit, not its tail.

Elmer Smith

The death of Elmer Smith, 45-year-old lawyer of Centralia, Wash., was heralded in no headlines. Yet it was what the American Civil Liberties Union calls "a lamentable loss to the cause of civil liberty and working class rights."

Smith's death was, in a way, a martyrdom. For years he toured his home state, undermining his health by living in cheap rooms and eating poor food, carrying on a lone crusade to free seven laboring men who were serving sentences of from twenty-five to forty years for defending their hall against an attack on Armistice day, 1919.

For criticising the trials of these men, Smith was read out of his profession. It is significant that the man who wrote the disbarring opinion was named Kenneth Mackintosh, nominee for the federal circuit court of appeals.

Smith had assailed Mackintosh for writing a letter congratulating the people of Centralia for their "calm control and loyalty to American ideals." (They just had lynched a man.)

It is unfortunate that Lawyer Smith could not live to tell his story to the senate committee examining the fitness of Mackintosh for the post to which the President has nominated him.

Women in Turkey have dropped the veil, but we won't believe they're really up to the American standard until we read of a harem shooting its husband.

Congress has proposed that the army and navy be consolidated. They must want to beat Notre Dame every year.

Contract bridge has become a national menace. There's always somebody to double and redouble every tax item.

If Ross Ponselle really wants a husband, she should have inclosed a financial statement with her announcement to reporters.

Some things just aren't done in restaurants, a book on etiquette says. We don't know what the others are, but steak is one.

Just Every Day Sense

BY MRS. WALTER FERGUSON

TODAY "An Unhappy Mother" speaks to you through this column.

"This morning," her letter begins, "I found a jar of home brew 'set' on my premises. The father, who has been out of work for many months, is away searching for a job. So it was my best loved oldest boy who is guilty of this act.

There is little danger in interest, provided it is spent by those who receive it, but there is great danger in passing it on and allowing it to grow automatically.

We must make an ever sharper distinction between earned and unearned income, between created and inherited wealth, if we would be safe.

His sole dissipation is meeting his sweetheart once a week, and on her he must turn his back most of the time because his pockets are so pitifully empty.

"Of course I know why he did it, even though I did destroy it. He is willing to run this risk for the few nickels and dimes it provides. He sees others doing it on every side. Why should he not do likewise?

"So he reasons because his heart is bitter. And my government that gives protection to the speaker is making a criminal out of my beloved son.

What grieves would I not endure to take this menace away from him, to divert from him this temptation?

"Rather than see his hopes frustrated and himself destroyed before he is a mature man, would it not be a kindly deed if I slipped up to his room and turned on the gas while he sleeps? Would my God condemn me for that?"

Armenian troops, hastily organized after the Russian withdrawal from Turkey, stormed Erzerum, inflicting heavy losses on Turk forces.

American troops in the Champlain sector repulsed a heavy German raid.

THESE words are sacred, because they are wrung from the heart of a woman who sees her first-born son weighing the possibilities of crime against the possibilities of starvation. I inscribe them here as sacred, and let no man or woman take them lightly.

What, indeed, are we doing to the boys and girls of this generation by our smug hypocrisy, by our utter indifference to conditions that are a disgrace to any people?

Our public men, doing homage to the dry law, and with Biblical quotations on their lips, put thugs like Al Capone in prison.

For what reason? Not because he is a desperado and a danger, but because he refused to split with Uncle Sam on the earnings from his magnificent racket.

I suppose if Mr. Capone had paid his income tax on his liquor business he still would be a free man.

Do we need any other fact that this is a damn prohibition forever?

The Victoria cross.

Questions and Answers

How old is Kate Smith, the blues singer?

Twenty-three.

What is the middle name of Charles Chaplin, the movie actor? Spencer.

When did Adeline Patti die? Sept. 27, 1919.

What is the English counterpart of the United States medal of honor?

The Victoria cross.

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This Man, This Woman

Back through the history of the human race, to its beginnings lost in the ages of antiquity, men and women have been choosing their mates, and the institution of marriage, differing in different ages and in different countries, and among different peoples, has been developing and reaching the forms and customs that exist in the world today. The history of marriage is a fascinating study, and throws much light on marital problems of this day and age.

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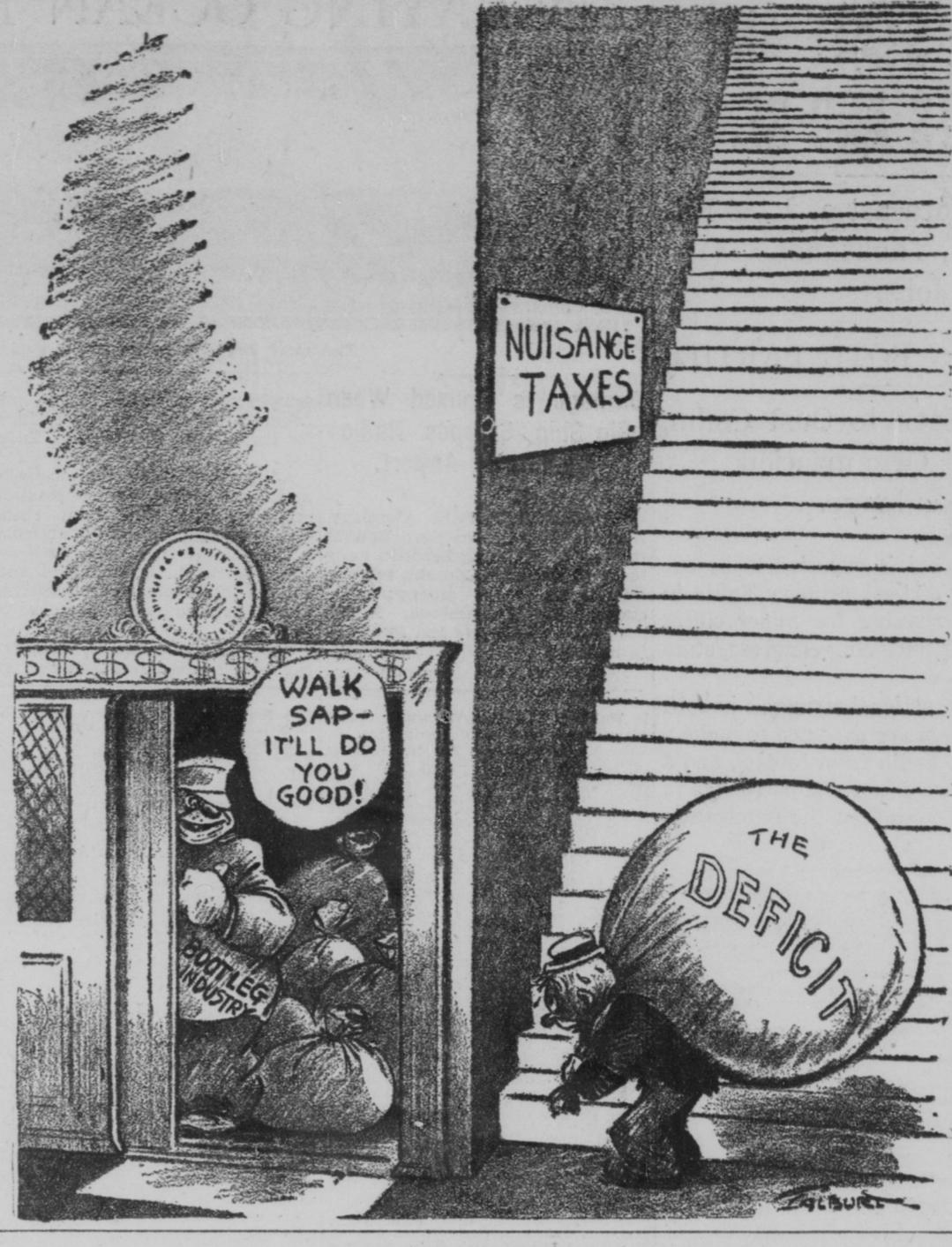
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DAILY HEALTH SERVICE

Dental Decay Study Gives Results

BY DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN

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SO much work has been done in recent years on the causes of dental decay that physicians and dentists are beginning to have a real insight into the subject.

Dental decay is no respecter of persons; it affects the rich and the poor, the young and the old. It may be found in those who are otherwise healthy and those who are suffering from chronic disease.

Between 80 and 95 per cent of children between 10 and 20 years of age have dental caries.

In a survey of the subject, Dr. Martha Koehne has reviewed the most prominent opinions of leading investigators. There is, of course, first of all the idea that good or bad teeth are inherited.

However, marriages are not made on the basis of heredity, and though heredity may play some part, it is not possible to determine that part exactly.

Failures Clear Stage

WE fail to realize how heavily we lean on failure, bankruptcy and depression to clear the stage every so often, or what a jam we would be in if they did not.

We never have admitted honestly the reason for the ruin of so many business enterprises, or the frequent losses in trade.

We have a system by which a million dollars could be made to enslave the world within ten generations if it worked, but it does not, and never will work for more than a few years.

There are many theories that

students of dental disease long have since discarded this conception.

People who keep their mouth scrupulously clean may have cavities, while others with visibly dirty mouths have none.

A survey of the subject made by a group of Wisconsin investigators indicated that mouth washes are not dependable protection against dental decay.

For a while it was thought that the chewing of hard food was a valuable measure, but today it is believed that such chewing is helpful only to the gum tissue and has little, if anything, to do with permanence of the teeth.

There are many theories that